

THE PORT OF LONDON INQUIRY.

SUGGESTIONS OF THE CITY CORPORATION.

On the 16th ult. a special meeting of the Court of Common Council was held at Guildhall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, to receive a report on the committee appointed to consider the whole question of the Royal Commission on the Port of London and the City's action in relation thereto. The report first of all sketched the ancient connection of the Corporation with the river and the port, of which it was said the sole sanitary authority, and then went on to say that the two main causes which had operated for the lack of progress of London as a port had been diversity of administration and inadequacy of funds. The whole amount available to any public body for administering and improving the river and the approaches had been £90,000 a year. They thought that one body possessing a complete power for river, port, navigation, shipping and other services was absolutely necessary, and should be constituted, that it should be entirely independent of the control of any other public body, and that it should have power to levy dues on shipping and goods for the improvement of the port and docks. The question of finance was important. At 10 millions sterling would apparently be required for dredging the river, and the new authority should have power conferred upon it to purchase the property of the dock companies. All railways within the docks area should be owned by the new authority, which should have power to treat and conclude arrangements with the various railways for the better serving of the port and the kingdom. No further subordination or control of the dock companies should be sanctioned by the Corporation authorities, and powers should be given to the purchase of the bonded warehouses and wharves by the new authority. The property of the dock companies should be sold, and the new authority should have the appointment of pilots, regulation of watermen and lightermen, and other duties. The Corporation should retain the port sanitary authority. The authority (they suggested) should consist of forty members appointed as follows: by the Corporation ten, the Admiralty two, the Board of Trade two, the Trinity House two, the railway companies two, the underwriters of Lloyd's two, and the remaining twenty by shipowners, merchants, and others contributing dues. A tribunal of appeal should be constituted similar to the Railway Commissioners, to whom questions of charges or preferences should be submitted. The Committee recommended that they should be authorized to arrange for evidence in these lines being tendered before the Royal Commission.

Sir Marcus Samuel moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. A. C. Merton, as an amendment, proposed that the constitution of the authority should be:—The Corporation 6, the London County Council 6, Essex County Council, Middlesex, Kent, and Surrey County Councils 3, Admiralty 2, Board of Trade 2, Railway Companies 2, Trinity House, Lloyd's, and the remaining fifteen representatives of shipowners, merchants, etc., that the authority should be at liberty to borrow from the London County Council, and that the Government should be empowered to contribute to cost of improving the river and port.—*Full Mail Gazette.*

PORTS WHICH RIVAL LONDON.

At a sitting of the Port of London Committee held recently, Mr. Douglas Owen (Secretary of the Alliance Marine and General Assurance Company) in the course of his evidence, said that the Port of London had reached a critical point in its history. Instead of ships coming to London, as formerly, and cargoes being despatched from London to Antwerp and other foreign ports, they now went direct to Antwerp, Hamburg, and Rotterdam. Those foreign ports were bursting with prosperity. They had stolen the trade which should have come to London. At the same time, Liverpool and Southampton were also competing furiously with London. Big ships dreaded London, with its fog, its defective channels, and delays. As the drawbacks increased at London, so would the rate of freight. When this became so heavy as to place London at a disadvantage, then trade would go elsewhere. At present half-a-crown additional freight per ton was charged for a voyage ending in London, and if that grew into 5s. it would be detrimental to the trade of the metropolis. Shipowners complained of delay and expense at London, and this was largely due to the barge system. Goods were brought for shipment in barges, discharged into barges and transhipped into barges. If ships discharged direct on to the quays, it cost 5d. to 2s. a ton to the ship. Thus shipowners had to choose between delay and expense, and ended by suffering both. The present lighterage system was out of harmony with the time. He suggested a barge canal, of ample width, at the rear of the dock sheds. Cargo could be landed, sorted, and delivered into the barges at the back of the sheds, taken away without any delay. He was in favour of the principle of a trust to govern the port, but not at present. He would fuse all the dock companies and give them power to earn as much money as would bring the docks up to date.

Mr. C. J. More, engineer to the Thames Conservancy, estimated the cost of deepening the Thames so as to provide a channel having a depth of 30ft. at low water of spring tides up to the Albert Dock entrance at £1,549,838 and said that the work would occur about ten years.

Mr. George Ambrose Rogers, British Vice-Consul at Hamburg, gave some details as to the making of German ports. The harbour at Hamburg was not worked at a profit, but the Government evidently thought they were compensated for the loss, because they were constantly increasing the facilities for trade. Since 1888 they had spent twenty-four millions on the docks. The tendency to send goods to London from foreign ports via Hamburg was increasing, because it was cheaper. He instanced the carriage of a number of sewing-machines from New York to London. One lot was sent via Hamburg, and had to be conveyed to Liverpool street in London. They cost £20 11s. 7d. and were delivered within three days of reaching Hamburg. A similar lot came direct to London, and cost £25 18s. 1d., and a fortnight elapsed after they reached London before they were delivered.

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—*Full Mail Gazette.*

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Amor, G. A.
Amateur, H. K.
Barnes, Chas.
Bryan, M. R.
Bernardo, J. G. G.
Bird, W. B. M.
Bohm, O.
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Buisson, W. T.
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Burroughs, Miss
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Callesen, Capt. V.
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Craig, J.
Chaves, L. L.
Comrie, J. P.
Chu, Miss R.
Carrington, J. C.
Cuncin, Mrs.
Cowell, G. J.
Cateson, A.
Drewes, Capt. H.
Dannenberg, Miss E.
Darlington, H.
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Dunbar, T. E.
Dens, W. P.
Davis, A.
Dadson, W.
Dean, F. W.
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Downs, B.
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Drake, Mrs. F. G.
Etienne, C.
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Greenwood, T.
Green, Mrs. G.
Garratt, S.
Grimes, J. B.
Gordon, J. A.
Graham, Miss L.
Grant, A.
Gloreta, A. P.
Hardy, R. J.
Hachez, H.
Hoag, P. V.
Hooley, P. F. G.
Hivermeyer, F. C.
Huby, G.
Harrison, Mrs. F.
Hamilton, Mrs. H.
Hallard, F. J.
Heacock, A.
Hay, Rev. N. E.
Mark, G.
Hall, B.
Henderson, W. L.
Hudson, Mrs.
Hawley, W. L.
Hakara, C.
Harding, H. G.
Hastie, J.
Harper, K. H.
Harwood, T.
Hughes, E.
Hughes, Mrs.
Halsey, Miss D. B. G.
Johnson, J.
Jeffries, Rev. M.
Joasiano, R.
Jor, A. (Sailor)
Jenkins, C. M.
Janno, J.
Jama, Mrs.
Janson, Andreas
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Kelpes, G.
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Kelton, W.
Kuhn, F.
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By Command, T. SERCOMME SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

LOCALITY. Boundary Measurements. Containing in Square Feet. Annual Rent. Upper Price.

North side of Barker Road. 87 87 127 127 11,040 63 1,436

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